

"IRIS" IS TRULY A SAD AFFAIR

Kate Carew Sees the New Production and Is Impressed with Gowns of Heroine.

DRESS FOR EACH CLIMAX

Another Scene that Makes Itself Felt Is the One in Which the Imported Mr. Asche Breaks Up Housekeeping.

There is a melancholy operation known as "breaking up housekeeping" which is not unfamiliar in these latitudes. To see it performed with neatness and despatch, one should visit the Criterion Theatre, where the latest Pinero play, "Iris," was produced last night.

Miss Virginia Harned and Mr. Oscar Asche (of Her Majesty's Theatre London, by permission of Mr. Beerbohm Tree) had to come forth at 11.30 and bow, and bow, to an audience which kept thundering even as it wriggled into wraps and groped for hatpins. From an assemblage of experienced New Yorkers it was a great tribute to acknowledge that housekeeping had never been broken up so effectively as by Mr. Oscar Asche (of Her Majesty's, etc.).

Mr. Asche not only broke up housekeeping, but he broke up the furniture. The consequence was that he and Miss Harned took their "curtain call" in the midst of a stage strewn with chair legs, table tops, sofa springs and pillow feathers.

Symphony of Gowns.

The breaking up of housekeeping (and furniture) was the last sad affair in the career of Iris Bellamy, to whom sad affairs had become familiar in the course of five longish acts. Miss Virginia Harned symbolized the unfortunate lady's downward career in a progressive symphony of lovely gowns, each of a color to match the sad affair of that particular act.

In act I she shimmered in something spangly and lacy, topped off with real diamonds. That symbolized the love of luxury. It prevented her from marrying Lawrence Trenwith because he was poor, and her late husband's will wouldn't let her keep the fortune and a new husband, too. Maldonado, the flatterer, wanted to marry her himself. "First she said she would, then she said she wouldn't—and ended by telling Trenwith ('Lorry,' she called him) to follow her to Italy.

Sad affair No. 2 demanded a white dress. Iris is having an unofficial honeymoon with Lorry. It's very real and very honey-moonish. You can see Lake Como through the French windows, and Lorry flourishes a sketchbook, and Miss Harned throws some sofa pillows on the floor and sinks on them and strikes a fetching pose with a guitar. And you're just beginning to doubt whether the white dress belongs to such a sad affair, after all, when news comes that Iris has lost all her money. Whenupon Lorry starts off for British Columbia.

Checkbook Affair. Sad affair No. 3 is the checkbook affair; Maldonado's, you know. Iris is starting out in the world to be poor and wait for Lorry to come back. No more luxury! Oh, she is brave—and wears a brown dress. But the checkbook! Mally has deposited a few thousand pounds to her credit in his bank. Won't she please? No, no, Mally! Never! Never! The brown dress rustles with shocked prudence. But brown is no match for Mally's green checkbook.

Pink is the color of the fourth act. Iris is "keeping house" now, alas, in a flat decorated in crushed-strawberry. If further incriminating evidence were needed, the pink in her dress is conclusive.

She isn't kind to Mally, though he still adores her in his terrific way. She belongs to him, but in vain he shouts, "Mell! Be warm! Be warm!" in vain offers her marriage, his fortune—anything for a smile that would enable him to dispense with a seal-skin overcoat in her loved presence.

Sadder affair of all—Lorry comes back. Black dress. Lorry must be told about—about everything. Such things can't be told in colors—certainly never in white! A black dress for Lorry, but Lorry decides that he can't forgive, and floats sadly and Pharisaiically away.

Mally has overheard his little Iris asking Lorry to take her away. He falls upon her with his hands at her throat, and for a few moments one is reminded of a recent police affair. But he controls himself.

"You are the sort of woman to drive a hot-blooded man to the gallows!" he shouts.

Fades from View.

It is thus that Mr. Oscar Asche breaks up housekeeping at the Criterion Theatre, and when Miss Virginia Harned has faded from view—still in black and with not so much as a handkerchief packed—he finishes the furniture.

"Iris" in New York is much more like real life than it was in London, and much—very much—more weepy. Miss Harned played to the choicest audience that I have seen for two seasons. When she asked Lorry to send her—some—just a picture of the log hut he had built for her out in British Columbia—just a picture—she'd like to see what—that it looked like—why, strong men snudled, and women simply boo-hoed! Mr. Oscar Asche is a very powerful actor. The way the chair legs and tables fell about him, he picked them up as marvellously—they don't even wait to be buried on the floor. KATE CAREW.

Big Life for Gymnasium.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—President Edmund J. James, of Northwestern University, has sent out letters to the alumni asking \$100,000 toward the construction of a new gymnasium. He states that he has been promised \$100,000 toward the same amount.

MISS VIRGINIA HARNED AS IRIS ENDURES MANY SAD, SAD AFFAIRS.



FAITH CURISTS BAPTIZE ACTRESS.

Girl Who Was "Cured" of Her Liking for the Stage One of Twenty Converts Called for Immersion.

Jennie Olsen, of Philadelphia, who says she was "cured of being an actress" by the simple power of faith, and that she had not tasted liquor or smoked a cigarette since, is one of twenty recent converts made by Faith Curists baptized to-day.

The ceremony will mark the closing of the convocation of Faith Curists which has been in session for the last ten days in the Church of the First Born, Bramhall and Ocean avenues, Jersey City. The immersion will be in New York Bay, at the foot of Claremont avenue, Greenville, Brother Hancock officiating.

A large number of Faith Curists and persons interested in the cult were invited to the baptism ceremonies.

WARRANT FOR REDMOND.

Irish Leader Must Answer for Recent Speech.

DUBLIN, Sept. 24.—The Court of King's Bench has ordered William H. Redmond, M. P., who was summoned to appear before it as a result of his recent incendiary speech at Wexford, to give bail in \$1,000 for his future good behavior.

As Mr. Redmond did not appear, the Court ordered that a warrant be issued for his arrest unless he furnished bail for his appearance. The Court said that in default of bail Mr. Redmond would be imprisoned for six months.

RECEIVER FOR A PAPER.

A. F. W. Leslie Appointed for Spirit of the Times.

Judge Adams, in the United States District Court to-day, appointed as the receiver of The Spirit of the Times and The American Sportsman Alexander F. W. Leslie, formerly business manager of the publication. Mr. Leslie's bond was fixed at \$5,000.

The petition was signed by ex-Judge Horace Russell and the appointment was made on the condition that the publication of the paper be continued until further orders of the Court.

SUICIDE OF J. H. GILES.

Jumped from a Ferryboat into the East River.

PORT JEFFERSON, L. I., Sept. 24.—J. H. Giles, who, it is said, was connected with the Special Reporting Company, of No. 150 Broadway, New York, committed suicide to-day by jumping overboard from the steamer Park City, in Long Island City.

Dead with Summons in Pocket.

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CLARK WILL NAME MONTANA JUSTICE

Democratic Convention in Montana Is in the Control of the Senator—Heinz Heads a Delegation.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 24.—The Democratic convention, which met at Bozeman yesterday, had but two nominations to make, one for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and one for Congressman.

Interest in the convention centered about the action of the State Central Committee, which met yesterday. There were two contesting delegations, one from Silver Bow County and one from Granite. One Silver Bow delegation was headed by United States Senator Clark and the other by F. Augustus Heinz. The State Committee, by a vote of 21 to 4, decided to seat the Clark delegation. The committee also decided that the convention would meet later in the day, with Senator Clark as temporary chairman. Under the decision of the committee the Clark people controlled the convention.

JUDGE DURAND OUT.

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 24.—Judge Geo. H. Durand, of this city, who was stricken with paralysis three weeks ago and is now slowly recovering at his home, has withdrawn as the Democratic candidate for Governor.

A family council was held yesterday afternoon at which the Judge's condition was talked over and the decision to withdraw his name reached.

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HAS AN AUTO FOR HIS PATROL WAGON

Police Capt. Kreuscher, in Far Rockaway, Provides Against Time When He Must Forego Regular Wagons.

Louis Kreuscher, captain of the Seventy-ninth Police Precinct, in Far Rockaway, makes inspections of his precinct in an automobile. The machine has seating capacity for four, and has come to be called the "Red Sleuth."

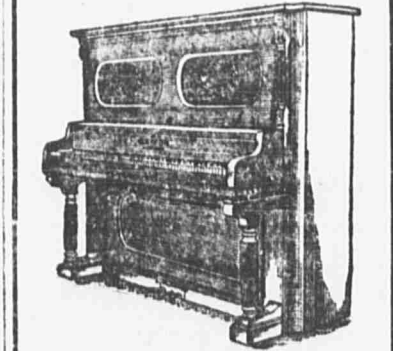
Capt. Kreuscher has had his automobile for the last month, and he is a proficient chauffeur, and his automobile travels so fast that it is probable that he may engage in speed races and establish a record for the Police Department.

"I am not a great hand at running the thing," he said in an Evening World reporter. "The first day I got the machine I almost drove it through a barn, but now I can handle it. We have no patrol wagon here during nine months of the year and I do not think that a lawbreaker would have any objection to be taken in an automobile to the police station. I may be called upon at any time to use my machine for such purposes, but I hope not."

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FIREBUG AMONG THE TENEMENTS

Flames in Three Buildings Are Discovered to Have Been Started by Incendiaries.

BARREL FULL OF PAPER.

Firemen Turn from an Investigation of Two Blazes to Put Out a Third—Tenants in a Panic.

Through the attempts to fire a number of crowded tenement-houses in the vicinity of First and Second streets and Avenues A and B, the police and officers of the Fire Department believe an energetic pyromaniac is at work.

The apprehension of the numerous tenants of the tenements amounts to almost a panic, and because of three buildings having been set afire within a short time and near each other the residents of that section had no sleep last night.

The neighborhood was first alarmed early yesterday morning when Joseph Bowen captured a man setting fire to the tenement-house in which he lives, at No. 70 Second avenue. Newspapers had been piled in a back hall under the stairs and a match applied. In the Centre Street Court he was attacked with delirium tremens, and after being fined \$10 was sent to Bellevue.

Early this morning the residents of the tenements at No. 57 First avenue were awakened by smoke streaming up from the cellar. They rushed to the street and Policeman Jones made an investigation. He found a barrel filled with burning paper near the coal bins. The paper had been placed close to the wood work.

The excited tenants had hardly reached their beds again when Patrolman Wehrenberg discovered smoke issuing from the first floor of the tenement-house at No. 103 Second street. Investigation showed that this fire had been started by a pile of paper which had been placed back of the stairs and ignited.

Wehrenberg while returning to his post met several firemen from Engine Company No. 25, who were on their way to make an investigation of the circumstances of the two places. They had gone only a short distance together when they saw flames issuing from the basement grating of the tenement-house sent in, and here the Fire Department had a hard time. This fire also bore the marks of incendiarism.

EMBEZZLED \$75,576.

YORK, Pa., Sept. 24.—County Treasurer William O. Thompson, charged with embezzling county funds to the amount of \$75,576, has been arrested and placed under \$50,000 bail. Thompson waived a hearing.

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20-inch TAFFETA SILK: 55c. value.....	49	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
21-inch TAFFETA SILK: 60c. value.....	50	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
22-inch TAFFETA SILK: 65c. value.....	51	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
23-inch TAFFETA SILK: 70c. value.....	52	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
24-inch TAFFETA SILK: 75c. value.....	53	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
25-inch TAFFETA SILK: 80c. value.....	54	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
26-inch TAFFETA SILK: 85c. value.....	55	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
27-inch TAFFETA SILK: 90c. value.....	56	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
28-inch TAFFETA SILK: 95c. value.....	57	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
29-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.00 value.....	58	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
30-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.05 value.....	59	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
31-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.10 value.....	60	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
32-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.15 value.....	61	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
33-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.20 value.....	62	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
34-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.25 value.....	63	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
35-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.30 value.....	64	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
36-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.35 value.....	65	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
37-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.40 value.....	66	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
38-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.45 value.....	67	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
39-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.50 value.....	68	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
40-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.55 value.....	69	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
41-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.60 value.....	70	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
42-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.65 value.....	71	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
43-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.70 value.....	72	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
44-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.75 value.....	73	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
45-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.80 value.....	74	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
46-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.85 value.....	75	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
47-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.90 value.....	76	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
48-inch TAFFETA SILK: 1.95 value.....	77	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
49-inch TAFFETA SILK: 2.00 value.....	78	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
50-inch TAFFETA SILK: 2.05 value.....	79	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
51-inch TAFFETA SILK: 2.10 value.....	80	36-inch (yard wide) TAFFETA SILK: 1.19 value.....	86	27-inch Black All-Silk SATIN DUCHESSE, 75c. value.....	69
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